



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 06-44

May 24, 2006

Petition of NSTAR Gas Company to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A, for approval of a long-term supply and a long-term transportation assignment agreement with Northeast Energy Associates.

On May 5, 2006, NSTAR Gas Company ("NSTAR" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for approval of a long-term supply and a long-term transportation agreement with Northeast Energy Associates ("NEA") whereby NSTAR will purchase a flexible winter service gas supply at Lambertville, New Jersey, and will be assigned a transportation contract for use in transporting the gas to the NSTAR system. Under the Agreement, the supply component will be for the period from April 1, 2007, through March 31, 2012, and the capacity component will be for the period from April 1, 2007, to November 30, 2016. The Agreement covers a period in excess of one year and is therefore subject to the Department's jurisdiction under G.L. c. 164, § 94A. This matter has been docketed as D.T.E. 06-44.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on NSTAR's petition. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. A procedural conference will follow immediately thereafter. The petition and accompanying exhibits are available for inspection at the Company's office, NSTAR Gas Company, One NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts, 02090, and at the Department's offices, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Any person who desires to file written comments or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall file an original and four (4) copies of such written comments or petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2006, and serve one (1) copy on counsel for the Company, Cheryl M. Kimball and John K. Habib, Keegan Werlin, LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110-3313.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Please submit a copy of all nonproprietary written pleadings, comments, or petitions to intervene to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and carol.pieper@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, D.T.E. 06-44; (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be formatted as either Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF compatible files. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact Carol M. Pieper, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, tel. (617) 305-3561.